

8. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 6 [or 7], in which the stent has anchors [(101)] to retain the stent in a bronchial tube or tubule.

9. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 6, [7 or 8,] in which the stent comprises a crown [(90b)] of surgical quality steel wire legs in zig-zag formation.

10. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim[s] 7, [8 and 9,] in which said barbs and anchors depend from points of the crown.

11. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 9 [or 10], in which the crown is closed in its circumference.

12. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 6, [7 or 8,] in which the stent comprises a dome [(90bb)] of surgical quality steel wire legs [(91b)].

14. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 12 [or 13, when dependent on claim 8], in which [said anchors (100b) are] an anchor is formed on the end of said legs.

15. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], in which the blocking and securing elements are integrally formed from plastics material, and wherein the securing element comprises adhered or fused anchor elements.

16. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], in which the securing element comprises a memory metal which is released to its normal expanded shape by a physical parameter when it has been inserted at the proposed location.

18. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 1, [2 or 3,] in which the blocking element comprises a balloon [(200)].

20. (Amended) Use as claimed in claim 1, [2 or 3,] in which the blocking element comprises a diaphragm [(300)].

24. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 22 [or 23], which method employs an obturator of the type manufactured in accordance with [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 21].